

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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) General Order 03-1

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CHAPTER 12 FILINGS

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ORDER

On July 1, 2003, Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code was sunset. Thus, as of that date, Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code was no longer law. The repeal does not affect Chapter 12 cases pending under this Chapter prior to July 1, 2003.

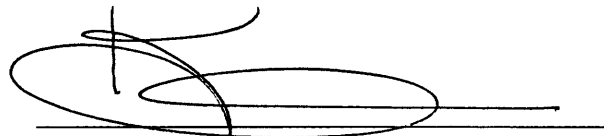
Congress is currently considering extending the sunset of Chapter 12 or making Chapter 12 permanent. Unfortunately, they did not act prior to the law's expiration.

As a result of this occurrence, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Illinois will continue to accept Chapter 12 filings. However, if Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code is not reinstated by Congress within a reasonable time, those debtors filing Chapter 12 cases after June 30, 2003, will, upon notice, be required to either dismiss their case or convert it to one under another Chapter of the Code. Any filing fee paid for the filing of a Chapter 12 case will be credited against any higher fee required by the conversion of the debtor's case.

All other General Orders on the same subject are rescinded.

SO ORDERED.

ENTERED: July 2, 2003

  
KENNETH J. MEYERS  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE